

THE LAMSON COLLECTION
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The **Lamson Collection** consists of two distinct parts. The first is referred to as the **Lamson Papers**. The second part consists of the **Lamson Books**.

The **Lamson Papers**, consisting of Genealogical Papers & Newspapers & Publications, are stored under Piscataqua Pioneers Papers, 1905-1997, MC231, Milne Special Collections and Archives, University of New Hampshire Library, Durham, NH, USA. It is under the management of Bill Ross, Special Collections Librarian. Contact information about the Special Collections staff can be [found here](#).

[A guide to the Piscataqua Pioneers Papers, 1905-1997](#), with a detailed description of the contents listing Box and Folder Numbers, is available on the Special Collections webpage.

The collection is divided into four series: Series 1 & 2 are alphabetical, while Series 3 is sorted by material type and Series 4 is chronological.

- Series 1 - Membership Applications
- Series 2 - Piscataqua Pioneer Member created Genealogies
- Series 3 - Piscataqua Member Created Booklets and Pamphlets
- Series 4 - Society Information and Secretary Minutes, 1905-1997

Sections of this Collection have restrictions:

Membership applications & files (Series 1) as well as secretary's minutes (Series 4) are open only to members of the Society of Piscataqua Pioneers. A member needs to request materials 48 hours in advance and show both a photo ID and a Piscataqua Pioneers membership card.

This collection is housed in the Library Storage Building; access requires 48 hours notice. Please contact the Special Collections staff prior to visiting the library.

To view this collection in person, contact Bill Ross, (603) 862-2714, bill.ross@unh.edu at least 48 hours before you plan to visit UNH. Retrieval time must be built into your request.

The Lamson Books

The **Lamson Books**, numbering more than 400, have been integrated into the books in the Milne Special Collections and Archives and can be readily accessed by everyone. They have been entered in the Dimond Library online catalog and can be searched either from home or when visiting the Special Collections and Archives using the online catalog.

There are member-donated publications of interest to Piscataqua area researchers which include many town histories, many surname books, a complete set of the *New Hampshire State Papers*, an alphabetical listing of *Flagg's Maine Revolutionary War Pensioners living in Maine*, and many other books too numerous to list here. Each book has a Piscataqua Pioneers Lamson Collection Bookplate.

[Select this link](#) to see a listing of the books in the collection in the University's Dimond Library online catalog. **Please be patient as the database searches for titles.**

The University of New Hampshire's Dimond Library and the Milne Special Collections & Archives contain a wide variety of resources for genealogical and local history research. To assist in your research, [download a copy of the brochure](#) *Genealogy and Local History at UNH*.

Individuals are encouraged to contribute published and unpublished genealogies and community histories within the Piscataqua region by emailing donate@piscataquapioneers.org.

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